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## Transmittal of Patent Application - Rule 1.53(b)

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 Title: REMOVABLE CORE FOR PRE-STRETCHED TUBE

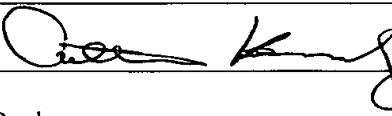
- Enclosed is the above-mentioned new patent application. It includes 7 sheets of drawings.
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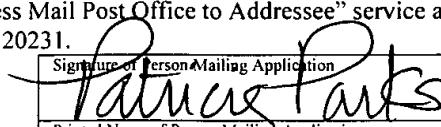
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